

## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, October 7, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, October 7, 2004, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien – Rm. 328-A, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Arthur Blackwell, II  
Erminia Ramirez  
Jim Holley  
Megan Norris **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**

##### **Department Personnel Present**

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings  
AC Walter Shoulders  
DC Gloria Reynolds  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC Gloria Robinson  
Cmdr. Walter Martin  
Cmdr. Ralph Godbee  
Insp. Jamie Fields  
Lt. Edmund Tillman  
Lt. Raymond Nolan  
Lt. Terry Herbert  
Lt. Lawrence Adams  
Sgt. Romell Alexander  
PO Walter Huggins  
PO Mike Woody

##### **Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator

##### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Ron Scott  
Rodney McDuffy  
Gloria Canales

## **RECORDERS**

Jerome Adams  
Kellie Williams

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Blackwell** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:14 p.m.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

♦ **Thursday, September 30, 2004**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

### **3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

There was no report from the Chair.

### **4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GOSS**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL ORDER**

The following directive will be presented for discussion at the Board of Police Commissioners' Community Meeting on October 14, 2004:

- **Directive 305.2: DETAINEE REGISTRATION**

#### **CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

**This Week**

**Year to Date**

2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	33	1,280
2003 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	12	995

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION – CHIEF OF POLICE

## DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*REPORT TO THE*  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS



**BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.**

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

### **SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

During the period of September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup>, the *Narcotics Enforcement and Conspiracy Units* conducted 31 search warrants and 23 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 49 Felony arrests
- ◆ 111 Misdemeanor arrests
- ◆ 4 Juveniles detained
- ◆ 398.4 grams of cocaine, 27.7 grams of heroin, 7,839 grams of marijuana and 91 pills - street value **\$241,486.00**
- ◆ \$27,881.00 U.S. currency
- ◆ 4 Hand guns
- ◆ 5 Long guns
- ◆ 5 Vehicles

During October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, *The Vice Unit* conducted "Operation Lockdown" within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 32 Arrested for "Disorderly Conduct – Flagging"
- ◆ 1 Arrested for "Indecent and Obscene Conduct"
- ◆ 4 Arrested for "Accosting and Soliciting"
- ◆ 3 Juveniles detained for "Disorderly Conduct – Flagging"

#### THE VIOLENT CRIME TASK FORCE

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, Officers from The Violent Crime Task Force in conjunction with The Repeat Offenders Program and the FBI Fugitive Task Force, developed information resulting in the arrest of a man profiled on "Detroit's Most Wanted" for forcing his way into a home and murdering two of the occupants. The Multi-Task Force team was able to secure a federal warrant charging the man with "Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution." When the man was arrested he was in the company of a second individual who was an escapee serving time for both drug and weapons offenses. Both men were arrested without incident.

### Police/Community Intervention



### TAKING THE GUNS OFF THE STREET !



Total Guns Confiscated  
Year-To-Date  
3,213

#### SECOND PRECINCT

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, officers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct were on patrol in the area of Schoolcraft and Wyoming, when they observed a blue 1990 mini van without a license plate traveling westbound on Schoolcraft. As a result of the officer's investigation, four adults were arrested and two juveniles detained for "Carrying Concealed Weapon – Motor Vehicle." Confiscated was a nickel plated Derringer.

#### THIRD PRECINCT

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, a group of students were standing in front of Southwestern High School, when another student appeared from across the street and fired several shots at the students. Fortunately, no one was injured. The next day officers from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct made Southwestern High School and arrested the student without incident. The student was charged with "Felonious Assault," "Felony Firearm," "Habitual Second" and "Possession of a Firearm."

#### FIFTH PRECINCT

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, officers of the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct responded to the 3900 block of Conner on an "Armed Robbery in progress" run at the McDonald's Restaurant. Officers were able to get a detailed description of the man and the vehicle. Several hours later, officers spotted the vehicle on the side of the road broken down. As officers approached they observed the wanted man sleeping in the driver's seat with assorted denominations of cash scattered across the front seat. The man was arrested without incident.

#### SIXTH PRECINCT

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, officers of the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct responded to a "shooting" run. Upon arrival officers were able to talk to the man who was shot before he was rushed to the hospital. As a result of an investigation the man's ex-girlfriend and her brother were arrested without incident for "Assault with Intent to Murder."

#### TENTH PRECINCT

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, officers of the 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct responded to a "Citizen holding offender for attempting to break in" run. Officers talked to the homeowner who stated that when he returned home from work he observed a man in his garage, at which point he ordered the man to leave, the man then attempted to follow the homeowner into his house and a brief struggle ensued, the homeowner was able to subdue the man and call 911.

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Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings

## 6. PRESENTATION – SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUREAU

**Chief Bully-Cummings** introduced DC Gloria Reynolds from the Science and Technology Bureau.

**DC Gloria Reynolds** stated Lt. Larry Adams is going to do a demonstration of the Mobile Data Computers (MDC's) that is being deployed in the patrol vehicles throughout the department. We are hoping at a later date that we could introduce you to the people over at Lyndon, who are responsible for the installation and servicing of the Mobile Data Computers. Keep in mind that we are coming to a very small and electronic environment to a full laptop

computer in the vehicle that has the same capabilities as your desktop computer.

**Lt. Adams** gave a demonstration and presentation on how the Mobile Data Computers system works.

### Questions & Answers

**Vice-Chairperson Ramirez** asked are they actually putting them on their laps?

**Lt. Adams** stated these are mounted inside of the vehicle and the keyboard is mounted so that it could be positioned to the driver-side area or side-passenger area. You could also work with the keyboard in your lap.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked when would this be fully deployable? In, other words is there one already in every car now?

**Lt. Adams** stated there is 450 units deployed right now.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked what is the goal?

**Lt. Adams** stated we have about 800 vehicles that were outfitted with the old MDT's and we plan on replacing with these computers.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked are you saying ultimately 800 vehicles?

**Lt. Adams** stated yes.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked is that pretty close to the full compliment of those that are used?

**Lt. Adams** stated yes.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked how is training being done?

**Lt. Adams** stated the training for the MDC's is a 4 hour block. A training lab is set up at the Personnel & Recruiting Section, where we have workstations similar to what you see right here.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked are they tested on it?

**Lt. Adams** stated no.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked if they are not tested on it, then does the testing comes in the field in terms of a crash course?

**Lt. Adams** stated there is not a....

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked if no testing is provided, how do you know if they are proficient in using the computers? How long do you think it would take to get 80% or 90% proficiency once this system is fully implemented?

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated I would like for DC Reynolds to explain how they conducted an assessment that determined the computer literacy rate of this Department in putting together the training module for it?

**DC Reynolds** stated I guess we would go back to spring of 2003 when we started the records management system project, which are the reports from CRISNET. We selected the Twelfth Precinct as a pilot. We went in and did an assessment on officers at the Eleventh and Twelfth Precinct. We found that 50% of the officers had computer skills, so they didn't need additional training on the application. We had 25% officers who did need a little training and we had another 25%, who were computer illiterate. We provided remedial training for those officers and provided an 8 hour training block. So, when they are done with that training, they know their way around the computer screen, keyboard, data entry and etc. The MDC is seen as a computer for the car.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked how long has the Eleventh and Twelfth Precinct been used as pilots?

**DC Reynolds** stated it will be a year this month. We started the RMS rollout.... The first MDC's were first put out in July of last year.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked so is the result in your opinion is pretty good, relative to the utilization?

**DC Reynolds** stated yes, they are using it. I don't believe that we received any calls from any officers who said they did not know how to use the MDC.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked have we been able to ascertain that these two precincts are not only using them, but their uses is proven to be productive, in terms of collecting data and information?

**DC Reynolds** stated there is a learning curb and some officers are capable of....

**Lt. Adams** stated officers have been able to complete each report in ten minutes or less.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked so does that mean that when there are multiple incidents within that time period, the officer could complete the report proficiently?

**Lt. Adams** stated the officers are familiar with the computers; they have taken to the application very well. For example, with the CRISNET application, it makes it easier for officer to fill out the report because it allows them to enter a few characters and the computer finishes the word.

**Chairperson Blackwell** stated in a matter of time, whenever that time period is, the hope is, is that we have a fully integrated system in place that would make reporting and record exchange a lot easier, a lot quicker and a lot more compact. More importantly, the central command (the Chief's operations/office); will be able to amalgamate all of this information into one center point because all of this is through one system. Clearly, all of those reports are retrievable, I would imagine.

**DC Reynolds** stated one of the big savings is going to be on the back end when we talk about reporting crime statistics, which is a very manual process right now that consists of several steps. Going to a computerized system, like this means that once the officer inputs the information, the application guides him through it, so that when it is done there is nothing else that has to be done to that report, but submit it.

**Chairperson Blackwell** stated you have hard data.

**DC Reynolds** stated it is formulated with for the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR), which is a subset of National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) compliance, which is the federal standard for submitting crime statistics. So, on the back end, it is going to save a lot. The real saving is going to be once we get the building for the module our officers won't have to return to the precincts to submit reports. Once an officer submits a report, it electronically goes to a supervisor's, who then review the report and if it is suitable, then they can automatically verify the report.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked do the officers that use this computer, still have the option to write a written report?

**DC Reynolds** stated no.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked so every officer that has this is required to transmit the report on that unit?

**DC Reynolds** stated that is the only way to keep accuracy.



**Chairperson Blackwell** stated I like that, but I am think about those that may be having difficulty using the computer.

**DC Reynolds** stated we gave them sufficient training.

**Vice-Chairperson Ramirez** asked have there been any problems with officers receiving technical support?

**DC Reynolds** stated there is a help desk.

**Comm. Holley** asked is computer literacy required in the Academy?

**DC Reynolds** stated I don't think so.

**Vice-Chairperson Ramirez** stated no.

**Chairperson Blackwell** stated it may be now.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated the state regulating agency (MCOLES) sets the minimum standards as to what is required and computer illiteracy is not a category that is not required.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked is this a wireless system?

**Lt. Adams** stated yes.

**Vice-Chairperson Ramirez** asked is there anything going on in the police academy?

**2<sup>nd</sup> DC Robinson** stated the students receive training at the academy. In addition, the MCOLES written test that the students have to take is on the computer. It is not a requirement to be computer literate, but in order to pass the test and to take the test is taken on the computer. As I indicated, part of required curriculum to get out of the police academy or when they graduate is our CRISNET system.

**Chairperson Blackwell** asked how do you know where a scout car is and where to deploy them? What is the real reason for knowing where these cars are?

**DC Reynolds** stated so that you can see your resources and see where they are.

**Chairperson Blackwell** stated I think the community needs to know about this information.

**Vice-Chairperson Ramirez** stated I believe that the presentation was going to be done in the Fifth Precinct.

**Lt. Adams** stated I believe it was rescheduled because a time factor at that particular time.

**Vice-Chairperson Ramirez** stated we need to reschedule this presentation for a community meeting.

**Chairperson Blackwell** stated we would like to schedule this for a community meeting because it is televised and it is a good way to get the information out.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Chairperson Blackwell** stated that AC Harold Cureton announced that his retirement is effective next month. It is very hard to replace someone with that type of integrity, experience and dedication. The Board of Police Commissioners would like to thank you for a job well done and we wish you the best in the future.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated a request for a Resolution will be coming to you.

**Vice-Chairperson Ramirez** asked could you tell us about the 800 Mhz?

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated we can, most of that is being facilitated by another city agency; we are one of the city agencies that won't be going over to that new system. So, we can schedule a presentation to the extent that we're completed with the project.

**Atty. Hooks** stated I have spoken with the applicant, who has made the request to go into a closed session and we have talked about adjourning this matter until later on this month. She would prefer a closed session.

**Chairperson Blackwell** stated that is not a problem.

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, October 14, 2004 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**American Axle and Manufacturing**  
**1 Dausch Drive**  
**Detroit, MI 48211**

**9. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There was no oral communication from the audience.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/kdw**